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SUBJECT: AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAYTON ACT

1. DURING CONVERSATION ON OTHER SUBJECTS JULY 25,
EC COMMISSION DIRECTOR FOR NORTH AMERICAN AFFAIRS
MEYNELL ASKED US TO FIND OUT ADMINISTRATION'S POSITION
ON AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAYTON ACT UNDER CONSIDERATION IN
HOUSE AND SENATE AS REGARDS THE STATUS OF FOREIGN
GOVERNMENTS IN RECOVERING DAMAGES FOR ANTITRUST
VIOLATIONS. MEYNELL SAID THE FRG HAD ALSO RAISED THIS
QUESTION IN AN AIDE MEMOIRE OF MAY 10 DELIVERED TO THE
STATE DEPARTMENT. HE SAID THAT THERE IS NO FORMAL
COMMUNITY POSITION ON THIS SUBJECT AS YET, BUT WOULD
LIKE TO HAVE THE ADMINISTRATION'S POINT OF VIEW BEFORE
PROCEEDING FURTHER. HE IMPLIED THAT PASSAGE OF AMENDMENTS WHICH PRECLUDED FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS FROM RECOVERING
DAMAGES WOULD CAUSE PROBLEMS WITH AT LEAST SOME EC
COUNTRIES. BUT DID NOT GO FURTHER AT THIS STAGE.

2. ACTION REQUESTED: STATEMENT OF ADMINISTRATION'S POSITION ON THESE AMENDMENTS. HINTON LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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